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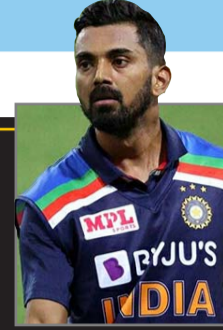
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**STUDENT EDITION**

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**NAMO MANTRA FOR #EXAMWARRIORS**

## "LEAVE ALL YOUR TENSIONS OUTSIDE EXAM ROOM"

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday interacted with students, teachers and parents during 'Pariksha Pe Charcha 2021' via video conferencing, wherein he advised students not to give exams under any pressure in order to perform in a better way. Excerpts from the interaction...

### On exams:

- Exams are an opportunity to test ourselves and allow us to perform better in our lives
- Cater to the difficult subjects first and attempt them with a fresh mind, and then focus on the easier topics
- Leave all your tensions outside the exam room. Keep the mind calm and fresh while entering the examination hall. Focus on the questions, while you are appearing for your exams

### On concentration:

- Stop thinking that your memory is average. You learned your mother tongue naturally, because the things that become a part of you are never forgotten. You must not concentrate on mugging but internalising the things

### On how to develop skills:

- Keep an eye out for the career options around you. Develop your skills according to it, and you will find your way forward

### On how to chase your dream:

- Think what is that one dream that you want to realise, and once you have realised that special dream, work towards it and you will start seeing your goal clearly

### On how to stay focused:

- Involve yourself in whatever you are doing. If you are sitting at home with a book in hand but thinking about friends, school, food, etc, then you won't remember anything

Use your free time in a productive way. You can help your family members and can spend time in recreational activities that provide happiness like learning new skills, dancing, sports, singing, etc.

Narendra Modi, on learning new skills during free time

### MODI'S FORMULA TO SHARPEN STUDENTS' MEMORY

**INVOLVE, INTERNALISE, ASSOCIATE, VISUALISE:** If we visualise things in our mind, it gets easy to memorise it.

Memory by association with concept works well in early years



"While we can say that you have lost a year of your lives due to #Covid19, remember due to the pandemic, you have also learnt a lot of lessons- the true value of many essential things such as the importance of joint family, etc"


**PARIKSHA PE CHARCHA**

## Previously-unknown ancient crater lake discovered on Mars



Researchers have discovered a previously-unknown type of ancient crater lake on Mars that could reveal clues about the planet's early climate. The crater's floor has unmistakable geologic evidence of ancient stream beds and ponds, yet there's no evidence of inlet channels, where water could have entered the crater from outside, as also groundwater activity, where it could have bubbled up from below.

- According to scientists, the system was likely fed by runoff from a long-lost Martian glacier

- Water flowed into the crater atop the glacier, which meant it did not leave behind a valley as it would have, had it flowed directly on the ground. The water eventually emptied into the low-lying crater floor, where it left its geological mark on the bare Martian soil

- What's less clear, however, is whether Mars had an Earth-like climate, with continually flowing water for millennia, or whether it was mostly cold and icy, with fleeting periods of warmth and melting

## Devdutt Pattanaik's new book to give a peek into iconic stories in Abrahamic religions



Best-selling author Devdutt Pattanaik's next book will give the readers a peek into the fascinating mythology of angels, demons, prophets and kings in the Abrahamic religions — Judaism, Christianity and Islam, Penguin Random House India has announced. The book, titled 'Eden: An Indian Retelling of Jewish, Christian and Islamic lore', will hit the stands in September. It will be published under Penguin's 'Viking' imprint, they said.



- Chronicling the Abrahamic myths that emerged in the Middle East over 3,000 years ago and formed the foundation of some of the world's major religions, the noted mythologist, who has also authored 'Olympus - An Indian Retelling of Greek Mythology', in his book also explains how this "myth of loss and rescue" played a key role in shaping the secular western ideologies, such as capitalism, communism, socialism, and scientism that dominate the world today.
- Besides, stories from the Mesopotamian, Egyptian, Greek, Ugarit and Zoroastrian mythologies that shaped the monotheistic worldview, the book also includes stories from the Indo-Christian and Indo-Islamic folklore that inspired people in South Asia

## FACTOID

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Price of Cristiano Ronaldo's castaway armband that was sold recently at a charity auction in Serbia to help fund a life-saving surgery for a six-month-old baby. It may be noted that the footballer had thrown this armband angrily during a World Cup qualifier against Serbia. Ronaldo stormed off the pitch seconds before the final whistle in Serbia's 2-2 home draw with Portugal, and threw the armband away when he was denied a clear stoppage-time winner



The increased use of online gaming has brought with it a slew of challenges and risks that include exposure of children to inappropriate content, cyberbullying, sexual exploitation, addiction, gambling and toxic peers, warned a new report...

### Cybercriminals using ONLINE GAMING TO TARGET KIDS

### THE GREY ZONE

The global gaming industry is expected to grow in the next few years, and the risks associated with it, such as cybercrimes and cyberbullying, must be acknowledged by parents, gamers and the government, said the report by CyberPeace Foundation, a think tank, and grassroots NGO of cyber security and policy experts

Online gaming also exposes children to sexual predators, and serves as a "gateway drugs" into online pornography, said the report titled, 'Online Gaming- Issues, Challenges And Recommendations For End Users, Parents and Government Regulations'

Children are also vulnerable to cyberbullying that triggers severe problems like depression and suicidal tendencies

This danger is compounded by the fact that strangers may find the location of the children in real life and put them in danger or share their personal information with their peers

The gaming industry suffered 12 billion cyberattacks between November 2017 and March 2019, according to the Akamai Technologies report

Besides, most games require players to be seated in one place for extended periods of time. Apart from causing mental strain, this habit increases the risk of deep vein thrombosis, cancer, heart disease, liver disease, carpal tunnel syndrome, and other significant problems

Continuous exposure to the blue rays from a monitor or a smartphone can also increase the risk of damage to the eyes and hamper their sleep schedules, warned the report

## BE A SMART SAMARITAN, FOLLOW 15-POINT GUIDELINE ON COVID-APT BEHAVIOUR

The ministry of health and family welfare has issued 15 preventive behavioural practices critical to fight the infectious Covid-19. The ministry states it is only possible if **EVERYONE KNOWS THEIR GOAL, EVERYONE KNOWS THEIR ROLE**

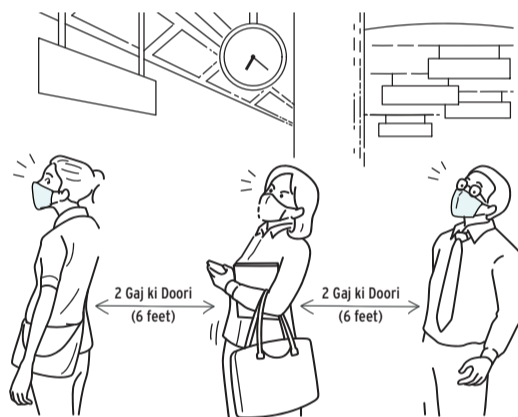
### 1 Greet without physical contact

Avoiding physical contact is responsible behaviour as it prevents the spread of COVID-19 disease and other viruses too.

Be responsible!  
Promote greeting without any form of physical contact

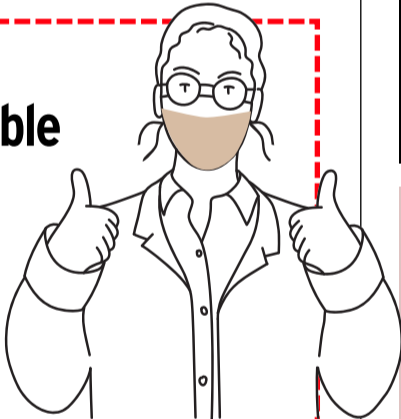


### 2 Maintain physical distance



Follow social distancing norms in all public places.  
Keep minimum distance of 2 Gaj (6 feet)

### 3 Wear reusable hand-made face-cover or mask, at all times



Hands touch many surfaces and can easily pick up germs and viruses



Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth



From there, the virus can enter your body and can make you sick



Your safety is in your own hands - quite literally!

### 5 Maintain respiratory hygiene



# Brush Up Your Covid Manners



**1,03,558:** Daily number of Covid-19 new infection cases in country

Up to April 5, 2021

### 6 Wash hands regularly and thoroughly!



### 7 Regularly clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces



Source of text & illustration: Ministry Of Health

### 8 Do not spit in the open



### 10 Do not discriminate against anyone!



### 9 Avoid unnecessary travel

Travel only when it's absolutely essential



And if you do step out of your house...  
Wear your face-cover and follow distancing norms



If you spot anyone not wearing a mask appropriately or ignoring the Covid protocol, make sure you

**#AskForMask**

Write to [toinie175@gmail.com](mailto:toinie175@gmail.com)  
on how you are ensuring that people around you are not COVID spreaders

### People have to ensure there is no Covid-19 3rd wave: CSIR DG

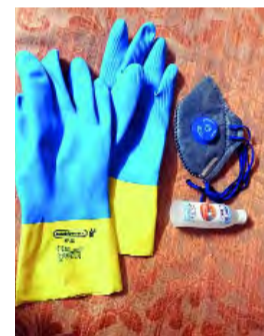
Director General of the Council Of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) Dr Shekhar Mande said a "third wave" of COVID-19 infections cannot be ruled out and it was for people to ensure it does not happen.

Speaking to reporters, the head of the premier institution under the Union Ministry of Science and Technology, said people have to maintain self-discipline and self-regulation, and show the way to beat the disease.

"All the pandemics in the world have come in the form of waves. We are currently seeing a strong third wave in some European countries, so a third wave cannot be ruled out (in India)," said Mande.

Mande said people would have to be alert even if the number of cases start declining, adding that "it was up to us to ensure the third wave does not come".

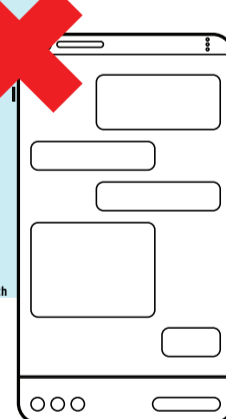
"As a society, we should resolve that we will be disciplined and regulated," he said. Agencies



### 11 Discourage crowd - Encourage safety



### 12 Do not circulate social media posts that carry unverified or negative information



### 13 Seek information on Covid-19 from credible sources

### 14 Call national toll free helpline numbers 1075 or State helpline numbers for any COVID-19 related queries

### 15 Seek psychosocial support in case of any distress or anxiety



Call on national psychosocial toll-free helpline number 08046110007

Psychosocial support services are available at all times for you, to address any stress or distress related queries and concerns

# SCHOOL IS COOL

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It's not just a place where you get to learn Einstein's Theory of Relativity. It's also a place where you can think beyond the classroom. Hence we say, **SCHOOL IS COOL!**

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## PLAY IS THE WORK OF CHILDHOOD - JEAN PIAGET

Every time I read this, I wonder if it applies to us also as educators. Perhaps, not wanting to grow up is an innocent search for delight and joy in toddlers and adults alike.

What if everyone just drops their guard and gets to be a child again, will our curriculum take a paradigm shift? What if the school year is not really about the content but about the skills inherent in subjects, have we achieved our purpose?

The need to focus on the dimension of comprehensive education that encompasses a growth mindset of a joyful person in a well-adapted environment is being felt now more than ever before. To gift every child a great school year is the work that we all have set out to do.

The new academic session got all our children doing a convergence activity; we shared about ourselves, bonded and chose to understand each other. Gratitude is one value that defines our attitudes. This has been our theme for the house meets and we further

## 'UNLEARN LEARN RELEARN'

**ANJANA KRISHNAMURTHY,**  
Vice Principal,  
Gitanjali Devshala,  
Hyderabad



bonded knowing what is most important for each of us and how we acknowledge it. We will continue to mentor our children on purposeful paths that can be attributed to high EQ (Emotional quotient), AQ (Adversity quotient) backed by a Growth Mindset. The children need spaces to learn,

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

play, interact and do things. At Gitanjali Devshala, we always set out to do what is best for every child. That for now was to give the screen a human face! Sustaining students' interests and giving them varied experiences on a virtual platform with empathy and understanding of their unattended emotional needs is of paramount importance. As children are still away from their friends and playgrounds, we have planned to ensure that they have fulfilling experiences for interaction, learning and socialisation through Buddy times, Circle times, Sunshine calls.

Knowing the child before teaching the child has always been our forte. So 'Listening, Sharing, Assuring and Bonding' have become the new golden safety net. The teachers will continue to effectively use the methodologies of Flipped Classroom, Phenomenon Based teaching, Project Based Teaching, Inquiry based teaching focussing on Experiential Learning, Student Engagement and Mindfulness activities. Doing all of this and more.

## Mastering Digital Learning



**SUNIR NAGI, Principal,**  
Pallavi Model School,  
Alwal

We thought learning happens only for students online, but at Pallavi Model Group of Schools it happens for teachers as well. We make strategies for learning enhancement sessions both for teaching and non-teaching staff. As we all know change is the only constant, our pursuit to learn shall never cease.

Our chairman M Komaraiah firmly believes that man is a born learner and he introduced online training sessions for teachers even before the pandemic struck hard. It was a cakewalk for teachers when they had to take up online classes and work with Zoom cloud meeting, Cisco WebEx, Google meets, Kahoot for quizzes, Google classrooms, recordings and so on

as they could quickly adapt to e-teaching.

We eagerly awaited the beginning of the new academic session which was to commence last week and it had been called off due to rise in Covid-19 cases.

Our teachers are back to the grind, enriching their knowledge while imparting the same in online classes. Teachers have their subject

enrichment sessions where experts mentoring add value. Micro teaching sessions are a regular norm for self-improvement and peer assessment.

We foster 21st century skills right from developing learning outcomes for every class we render. Activities incorporated specially designed for distant and online mode to help the students with experiential learning is an ongoing process and we can see the excitement of the students as they run from drawing room to the kitchen or their garden to fetch objects required for the activities.

Learning is just not limited to books, it goes beyond and we firmly believe in it and hence the TALAASH. Talaash, a talent

search, is conducted to unleash the hidden potential of our staff where they reveal their fun side and flair; as we believe the best stress-buster is social interaction even if its online through extempore, debate, Antakshri, singing, dancing, art and ramp walk.

I would like to say that learning happens from the womb to tomb so continue to learn and let no pandemic stop it.



## FAITH; A VIRTUE

It is said that "faith can move mountains, I don't know if this is true, But yet this is so intriguing, To have such faith you know.

If you ask me what is faith? I would say; faith is a highest virtue, Faith is your strength, Faith is the essence of goodness, Faith is a strongest trust you can have.

Faith I believe, is not the "blind faith" in god, Faith is following in his principles, Faith is belief in his creation, Faith is believing in humanity.

They say faith in humanity is rare to find, Why not, make yourself trustworthy, Why not make yourself reliable? Why not be the change you want in world, Do this and then see, the magic of faith happens.

**RAJVI GUPTA, class X B, Pallavi Model School, Boduppal**



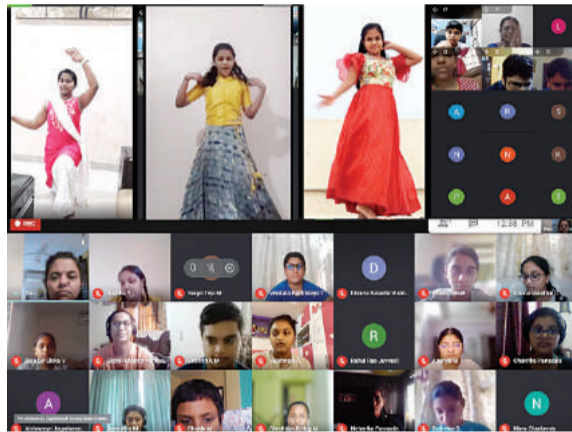
## Learning beyond books and pen

**Ganges Valley**  
Hyderabad

Once a month students of Ganges Valley take a short break from books on the 'bagless day.' On this day, creativity abounds the class ensuring experiential, art integrated and activity-based learning. The first 'Bagless Day' of this academic year was held recently.

It was a day for the teachers and students to explore all the possibilities of fun learning!

The students from class VIII, in the English period, brain-stormed about the Dos and Don'ts of 'Friendship' - a speaking activity from the unit, 'Human Bonds'. Thoughts were gathered, and points were jotted down. Arguments and viewpoints



were strengthened, and a collaborative conclusion was arrived at, which the students later reflected on Jamboard, concluding the session. Overall,

it was a wonderful session with a lot of insights to ponder on and thereby enabling joyful learning. A quiz on Agriculture and Food was conducted in the Social Studies period in class VIII A. This was a group activity

was enthusiastically participated by the students. The students of classes IX, X and XII, in their English periods, revised the lessons and participated in online quizzes. To get their names in the first brackets, the students strived hard. It was a neck-to-neck competition that benefited the students as the class reviewed the answers thereafter. The Flipped Classroom Activity was the one the class XII learners of Entrepreneurship have experimented. They made impromptu yet effective presentations on the Jamboard on the topic, Enterprise Marketing. In Telugu, the students of class VIII explored the topic, Me and My Talents.

It was a day's break from books and pens for exploring and enjoying the new and off-the-beat teaching and learning strategies.

## EPITOME OF EXCELLENCE

**Saanvi Gattu, class V H, Delhi Public School**  
Nacharam

The school year has ended with a triumph. We were not sure of this when it started. There was so much of uncertainty around. I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who gave me the assurance that everything will move on.

My parents are my role models. Their calm and unflinching efforts shown in every walk of life has helped me become confident and face any obstacle with courage and complete the task smoothly.

'The first step to success is failure.' This was how our teacher motivated us in our class. Whenever I failed to meet the standards for a task, she patiently explained and helped me to remove the obstacles in my path of learning. She always had affirmative remarks for me. This always helped me explore the innate skills in me.

The love shown by my parents and my teacher has taught me to be more tolerant towards everything around me. I am truly obliged to them for shaping me into becoming a good citizen of tomorrow.

## WEEKEND PLAN VIRTUAL GAME WEEKENDS!

WEEKENDS! THEY ARE THE BEST PART OF THE WEEK. PLANNING STARTS RIGHT ON MONDAY AND OUR BRAIN WORKS ON IT 24X7. SO WHAT'S YOUR WEEKEND PLAN THIS WEEK? IF YOU ARE CONFUSED THEN I CAN GIVE YOU SOME IDEAS.

**1** Host a virtual hangout with friends and play different games. (This is kinda basic)

**3** Throw a Choose Your Own Adventure dance party! Roll a dice. If it's 1 or 4: freeze dance (stop dancing when the music is paused). If it's a 2 or 5: keep it moving (you can't stop moving until the song is done). If you roll a 3 or 6: dress up dance (put on a mask, costume, funny hat, etc.).

**5** You can do a virtual tour to many destinations using the Google Earth app and its Street View feature.

**2** Challenge your friends to watch nearly three to four movies and all of them should watch the same listed movies. Give them a day and then call and ask them the movie summary. The one who gives the correct summary of the maximum number of movies wins!

**4** Try new recipes. Choose a dish from your favourite café/restaurant which is not that easy and try to make it. You can even challenge your friends with the same dish. Set a timer. The best one wins.

**6** Sleep all day (that's something really easy and the best according to me!).

So, don't let your weekend be dull due to the lockdown. Enjoy every minute with friends, but virtually. Hope it was helpful. Oops! I just forgot I had to make my weekend plan today, I'll have to go. See you soon!

**ARITRI BANERJEE, class V, Delhi School of Excellence, Manikonda, Hyderabad**



## BOOK REVIEW: PERCY JACKSON AND THE OLYMPIANS

Written by Rick Riordan, the Percy Jackson series plays a huge role in my love for Greek mythology. Narrated by Percy Jackson, a 12-year-old diagnosed child with dyslexia and ADHD, this series follows his adventures with his friends. They all have special powers that they have inherited from their parents.

The book begins with a warning by Percy telling readers in the first person that the book is not a work of fiction and that everything he is about to say, is absolutely true. Percy was a normal kid going to school, until he accidentally vapourises his math teacher and now he spends his time battling monsters and barely trying to stay alive.

Later, he is introduced to Camp Half-Blood, where he learns that the Greek Gods really do exist, and they still have children with mortals. Here, he makes friends

with children of similar parentage and finally finds himself in a place where he belongs. The story revolves around the adventures of Percy Jackson and his friends Annabeth Chase and Grover, as they try to prevent the rise of the Titan lord, Kronos. The way the author ties Greek

gods and myths with the modern world is amusing and educational without being tedious. The young demigods solve dangerous quests with their quick wit that makes this series definitely worth a read.

**K NITYA, class IX, Sister Nivedita School, Hyderabad**



## Bidding adieu to the outgoing batch

**Gitanjali Devashray**  
Hyderabad

Gitanjali Devashray bid farewell to its outgoing batch of class X students in a virtual programme recently. The event was graced with the presence of associate director of the Gitanjali Group of Schools, Madhvi Chandra, the leadership, teachers, parents and students.

The ceremony commenced with a melodious rendition of 'Showers of Blessing' by Akshita G, a student of class IX, followed by a foot-tapping number, farewell song by the students of pre-primary II. A Hindi poetic skit by the students of class VI catapulted everyone



to those memorable days in school, from the first time they walked into school, mischiefs done in school, sharing snacks during the break to being punished by standing outside the classroom, all these memories had their own charm.

An invigorating medley of dance numbers by the girls of class IX set everyone grooving.

Furthermore, the wonderful memories of school days were evoked by a video compilation of many cherished moments.

In her speech, principal Madhvi Chandra stressed upon the role of finding out the purpose behind one's choices in life.

Snippets of Talent Show were showcased with a motivational speech by one of the judges, Smita Lal. Managing director Jai Karan declared the winners of the Talent Show and bestowed them with their coveted titles.

The class teachers of class X curated two special live shows, a fun quiz session and a special song for the students, which everyone enjoyed thoroughly. The vote of thanks by Head Boy Zain Qureshi and Head Girl Sudhiksha N touched every heart. The event concluded with the rendition of the national anthem.

## Painters' Gallery



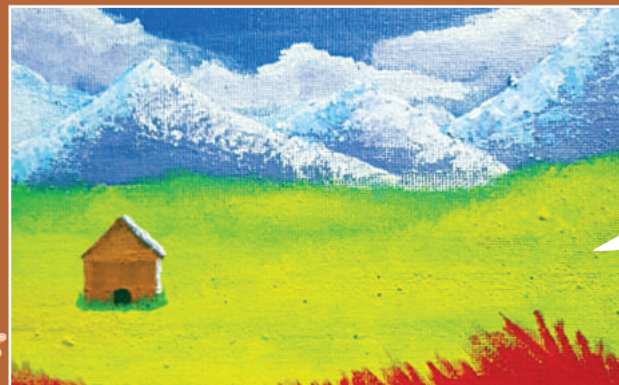
**WOOLCRAFT:**  
**RATHAN, class VIII F,**  
Delhi Public School,  
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**IN THE WILD: SHASHIVADHAN**  
GOUD, class VIII B, Delhi Public  
School, Nadergul



**TOON-TIME: SESHITHA, class X,**  
Pallavi Model School, Boduppal



**IN THE LAP OF NATURE:**  
**AMATUL SAMI**  
ZOHA, class X B,  
Madina High  
School,  
Hyderabad



# CAN A REVAMPED PUNJAB KINGS WIN THEIR FIRST IPL TROPHY?

With a new name and a stronger squad, Punjab Kings will be hoping for a change of fortunes this season after spending big money on addressing their death bowling concerns and beefing up a not-so-inspiring middle-order



Punjab Kings' captain KL Rahul won the Orange Cap in IPL 2020 for scoring most runs

Photo: TOI

## STRENGTHS

- Punjab Kings have one of the strongest batting line-ups this season. They have a dangerous opening pairing in skipper KL Rahul, who won the 'Orange Cap' last season, and the ever-reliable Mayank Agarwal.
- Universe Boss Chris Gayle, who hammered 288 runs in seven games at a strike rate of 137.14 last year, is expected to start from game one this time after warming the bench in the initial part of the 2020 edition.
- Include flamboyant wicketkeeper-batsman Nicholas Pooran to the mix and the top four seems sorted. They have also roped in the services of the world's number one T20 batsman Dawid Malan, seen as Gayle's back-up.

- After Maxwell's expected departure, the middle-order has been strengthened with the arrival of all-rounder Moises Henriques and Tamil Nadu batsman Shahrulkh Khan. Deepak Hooda has also proven he can strike the ball hard and is experienced enough to play the role of the finisher. In Fabian Allen, Punjab Kings have another overseas all-rounder option.
- The pace attack has been boosted by the signing of Australian speedsters Jhye Richardson and Riley Meredith, who had a sensational Big Bash campaign. Alongside Mohammad Shami and England's Chris Jordan, the quartet makes for a formidable fast bowling unit.

## WEAKNESSES

- Punjab Kings' biggest weakness is the lack of quality spinners. They released off-spinner K Gowtham, who ended up becoming the most expensive buy ever at the latest auction. The likes of Murugan Ashwin and young Ravi Bhishnoi, who impressed last season, will be expected to deliver.
- They have added Jalaj Saxena, who is a highly experienced domestic player and picked up 10 wickets in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy earlier this year at an excellent economy rate of 6.26.
- But with no internationally successful players in the spin department, it remains the weakest link. The team also doesn't have another India pacer of the calibre of Shami.

## OPPORTUNITIES

- Punjab Kings are yet to win an IPL title. With most of their bases covered, they seem like strong contenders this year. This is the perfect opportunity for Rahul and his men to get their hands on the title, having charted out a three-year plan under his leadership and coach Anil Kumble's guidance.
- The league will also provide Rahul much-needed match practice ahead of the T20 World Cup. The generally calm and composed wicketkeeper-batsman looked out of sorts in the T20 series against England.

## THREATS

- Shami, who fractured his wrist in Australia last year, has not played cricket in four

months. With the national team's workload management to be kept in mind, it remains to be seen if he will play all league games.

- He had a memorable run last year with 20 wickets and the team's success will depend a lot on his performance.

## THE SQUAD

KL Rahul (c/wk), Mayank Agarwal, Chris Gayle, Mandeep Singh, Prabsimran Singh, Nicholas Pooran (wk), Sarfaraz Khan, Deepak Hooda, Murugan Ashwin, Ravi Bishnoi, Harpreet Brar, Mohammed Shami, Arshdeep Singh, Ishan Porel, Darshan Nalkande, Chris Jordan, Dawid Malan, Jhye Richardson, Shahrulkh Khan, Riley Meredith, Moises Henriques, Jalaj Saxena, Utkarsh Singh, Fabian Allen, Saurabh Kumar.

# 5 DARK HORSES WHO CAN WIN ORANGE CAP

While there are the likes of David Warner, Virat Kohli, KL Rahul, and Rohit Sharma among others who are major contenders for the Orange Cap, there are certain dark horses who might sweep the top prize for the first time this season

## Devdutt Padikkal

One of the finds of IPL 2020, Devdutt Padikkal had a stellar season for Royal Challengers Bangalore and showcased his class with the willow. Padikkal scored an impressive 473 runs in 15 matches, the most by an uncapped player in his debut season. He also left behind the likes of Virat Kohli and AB de Villiers to finish as the highest run-getter for RCB last season. Padikkal is heading into IPL 2021 on the back of a brilliant Vijay Hazare Trophy and will be hoping to be among the runs once again this season.

## Suryakumar Yadav

Suryakumar Yadav has been one of the most consistent batsmen for Mumbai Indians in the IPL, over the years. However, he is yet to have a season to remember and bag his maiden Orange Cap for being the highest run-getter. SKY has been enjoying a purple patch in white-ball cricket and recently made an impressive

T20I debut against England at home. He will be riding high on confidence and will be hoping to make it count for Mumbai Indians this term.

## Rishabh Pant

With more power comes more responsibilities and captaincy can prove to be a blessing in disguise for Rishabh Pant, who will be leading the Delhi Capitals in IPL 2021. Pant was rewarded by his franchise for his heroics for Team India across formats against Australia and England. He has been in top-notch form with the willow and will be one of the dark horses to finish as the highest run-getter in IPL 2021.

## Prithvi Shaw

Prithvi Shaw didn't enjoy the best of campaigns in IPL 2020 as he struggled with the bat in the second half of the tournament. The youngster could only manage 228 runs in 13 matches at an abysmal average of 17.53. However, the story could be much different

this year as the talented right-hander was in sublime form in the Vijay Hazare Trophy where he amassed a staggering 827 runs, most by any player in the tournament. He became the first to breach the 800-run mark in the tournament's history and also notched up three 150-plus scores. Shaw will be looking to continue his prolific run for Delhi Capitals in IPL 2021.

## Nitish Rana

Another dark horse who might surprise everyone by picking up his first Orange Cap this season is Kolkata Knight Riders' star Nitish Rana. The stylish left-hander has been a consistent performer in IPL since the 2017 season. He possesses the talent, skills, and temperament to play big knocks consistently and is likely to continue opening for KKR once again this year. Rana has a great chance to have a go at the Orange Cap as an opener and take his performances a notch higher.

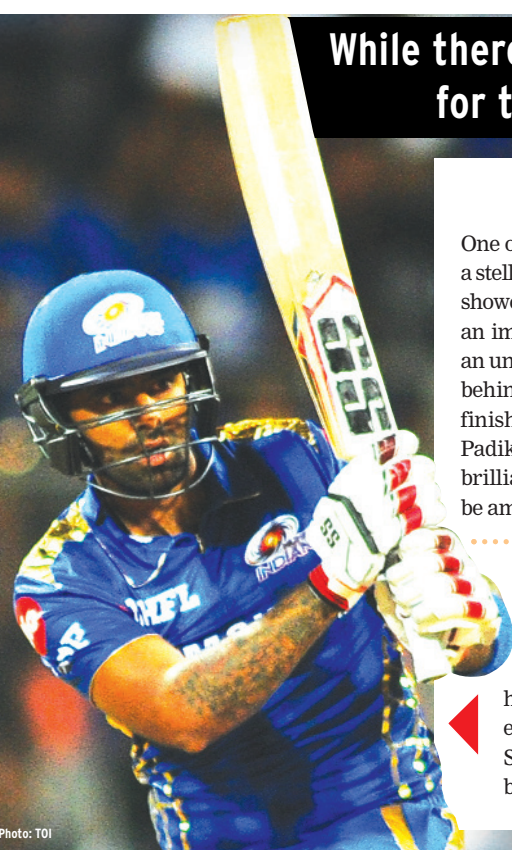


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## QUIZ TIME!

**Q1:** In T20I matches played between India and Australia, which player has the record of most catches?

- a) Ravindra Jadeja ☐ b) Virat Kohli ☐  
c) Glenn Maxwell ☐ d) David Hussey ☐

**Q2:** In which year did Dominic Thiem play his first grand slam final?

- a) 2015 ☐ b) 2016 ☐ c) 2017 ☐ d) 2018 ☐

**Q3:** Who is the highest run-scorer in the

## Champions Trophy?

- a) Tamim Iqbal ☐ b) Rohit Sharma ☐  
c) Joe Root ☐ d) Shikhar Dhawan ☐

**Q4:** Who are the All England Champions in badminton?

- a) Nozomi Okuhara and Carolina Marin ☐  
b) Tai Tzu Ying and Akane Yamaguchi ☐  
c) Yuki Fukushima and Sayaka Hirota ☐  
d) Misaki Matsutomo and Ayaka Takahashi ☐

**Q5:** For which franchise did her WBBL debut?

- a) Melbourne Stars ☐ b) Hobart Hurricanes ☐  
c) Sydney Thunder ☐ d) Brisbane Heat ☐

**Q6:** Hubert Hurkacz became Poland's first Masters 1000 Champion after winning the Miami Open. Whom did he defeat in the final?



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- a) Jannik Sinner ☐ b) John Isner ☐  
c) Novak Djokovic ☐ d) Dennis Shapovalov ☐

**Q7:** Which of the following wicketkeepers hold the all-time record of most catches in career combined in all three formats?

- a) Mark Boucher ☐ b) MS Dhoni ☐  
c) Ian Healy ☐ d) Adam Gilchrist ☐

**Q8:** Who is the only cricketer to hit centuries in both innings on his 100th Test?

- a) Joe Root ☐ b) Ricky Ponting ☐  
c) Javed Miandad ☐ d) Gordon Greenidge ☐

**Q9:** The Australia women's cricket team set the

record for the most consecutive ODI wins after their latest victory against New Zealand. How many matches have they won?

- a) 25 ☐ b) 22 ☐ c) 12 ☐ d) 19 ☐

**Q10:** Which Indian wrestler Tumur Ochir to regain the world number one ranking?

- a) Sushil Kumar ☐ b) Bajrang Punia ☐  
c) Yogeshwar Dutt ☐ d) Rahul Aware ☐

**ANSWERS:** 1 b) Virat Kohli 2 d) 2018  
3 d) Shikhar Dhawan 4 c) Yuki Fukushima and Sayaka Hirota 5 d) Brisbane Heat  
6 a) Jannik Sinner 7 a) Mark Boucher  
8 b) Ricky Ponting 9 b) 22  
10 b) Bajrang Punia